UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

v.

GILBERTO SALAZAR-ROJAS, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. CR13-50RSL

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL DATE

This matter comes before the Court on defendant Gilberto Salazar-Rojas's unopposed "Motion to Continue Trial Date" (Dkt. # 254). Defendants Karla Gutierrez and Vitaliano Cruz-Olivero join in the motion (Dkt. # 256, 274). Having considered the facts set forth in the motion, the knowing and voluntary waivers of defendants (Dkt. # 257, 268, 275), and the remainder of the record, the Court finds as follows:

- 1. A failure to grant the continuance would deny defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).
- 2. The ends of justice will be served by ordering a continuance in this case; a continuance is necessary to ensure adequate time for defense investigation, effective trial preparation, and an opportunity for the defendants to benefit from these efforts; and these factors outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendants in a more speedy trial, within the meaning of § 3161(h)(7)(A).

October 28, 2013, to May 12, 2014. The period of delay from October 28, 2013, to May 12, 2014, is excluded for speedy trial purposes pursuant to § 3161(h)(1)(D), (h)(7)(A),

Pretrial motions are to be filed no later than April 4, 2014.

DATED this 21st day of October, 2013.

MMS Casnik

United States District Judge